

Council Chair Adam Duinick

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Cara Letofsky	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Deb Barber	Gail Dorfman					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Chávez.

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Cunningham.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-2)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2017-60 Approve the Crow River Regional Trail Master Plan. Inform Three Rivers Park District that only the portions of the Crow River Regional Trail that are located within Hennepin and Carver Counties are considered components of the metropolitan regional parks system and are thus eligible for regional parks funding through the Metropolitan Council.
2. 2017-73 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for three “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects.

INFORMATION

Legislative Update

Judd Schetnan gave an update on what’s been happening at the legislature. Nearly all major appropriations bills have been passed by the full House and Senate. The legislators are on break this week and conference committees will be appointed and begin meeting after the recess. Schetnan provided information on the Senate and House transportation proposals, the Clean Water Fund, and regional parks and trails. Other provisions and bills include Senate File 1490 on Senate General Orders, which would change the Council governance structure to a 27-member Council (16 local elected officials, 7 county commissions, MnDOT Commissioner, and 3 mode representatives). House File 1117 on the General Register would designate a portion of Oak Grove as “rural residential” notwithstanding an administrative law judge decision. Schetnan answered questions from Council members. The legislature must adjourn by May 22.

BUSINESS

Transportation

2017-84 SW Authorize a series of public meetings on potential fare adjustments for regular route transit, dial-a-ride transit, and paratransit services operated and/or funded by the Metropolitan Council (including Metro Transit, Metro Mobility, and suburban transit providers) and approve information scheduled to be presented at public hearings and public meetings for the purpose of public comment and input prior to adoption of any regional fare adjustments.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

Environment

2017-80 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a lime kiln dust contract with Omni Materials, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$79.50 per ton for the first two years and \$82.00 per ton for years three and four. The contract term is four years and not to exceed a total cost of \$1,000,000; MCES contract 16P262.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Management

2017-64 SW Adopt the attached parameters Resolutions 2017-4 and 2017-5, authorizing the issuance, sale, and award of general obligation debt, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and execution of necessary documents to secure this financing. The Council is issuing two separate bond issues in the amount of \$145 million which is all new debt. The individual bond issues are comprised of the following: Capital Purposes: \$40 million General Obligation Transit Bonds, Series 2017B; \$105 million General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2017C.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

Community Development—Report on Consent Agenda

REPORTS

Council Members:

Munt—Transportation Forward advocates invite you to a rally on Tuesday, April 18 at 6PM at the Capitol LRT station.

Rodriguez—Met with the mayor and city administrator for the City of Corcoran along with Freya Thamman and Lisa Barajas. They are beginning their comp planning process and had some questions.

Barber—Attended several meetings with various groups including the MVTA, the Savage City Council, Carver County Leaders, and SCALE; transportation funding continues to be a hot topic.

Letofsky—Has been appointed to the new board of the Towerside area, which was formerly known as the Prospect Park Innovation District. The vision for that area was spurred by the investment in the Green Line.

Elkins—Attended the Urban Land Institute’s Regional Council of Mayors meeting where Paul Douglas was the featured speaker on climate change.

Rummel—MCES received an award from the Fresh Water Society for collaborations with regional communities on their water planning. Co-chair of Active Living Ramsey County and discusses biking, walking, and health issues within the community. Ramsey County is giving all their cities info on helping with their comp planning and is encouraging them to incorporate equity. Visited Centerville with Corrin Wendell from CD to provide assistance with comprehensive planning.

Commers—Received a briefing on the Ford site from St. Paul city staff. The recommendations that have emerged after a decade of work are thoughtful and forward-thinking; it’s a 140-acre site, so there’s room for some of everything. Recalled how Paul Douglas sent a letter during the Thrive MSP 2040 public comment period, encouraging the Council to consider climate change.

Chávez—Will be sending an email with a presentation by Libby Starling regarding Thrive MSP 2040 indicators and an invitation to resurrect the Thrive Working Group to test the indicators.

Chair: A delegation from Tampa Bay visited a few weeks ago to learn about our transportation system. Continuing to meet with area chambers to discuss transportation funding and getting engaged with the legislature. Met with Dakota County and will be speaking to the AGC. Traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with members of our Congressional delegation to discuss transportation funding.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of April 12, 2017.

Approved this 26th day of April 2017.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary